



AFLC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Investing For Eternity

FLAPS Airplanes...Fuel Needs in AK

Aviation fuel is a precious commodity in southwest Alaska. In the lower 48, you can find 100 Octane aviation fuel nearly everywhere; but in remote Alaska, where there are no roads, it is shipped in by barge when the water isn't frozen.

FLAPS currently has one plane stationed in Naknek, a 4 seated **Cessna 175 Skylark** (125 mph). By the end of summer 2011 a six-seated Piper Cherokee Six (150 mph) will be moved from Minneapolis to the FLAPS hangar in Naknek. This addition to the Alaska fleet will give Pastor/Pilot Jeremy Crowell opportunities to transport larger groups of passengers or cargo.

Between the Cessna 175 and the Piper Cherokee Six, FLAPS uses approximately 525 gallons of aviation fuel each year in Alaska. That's an estimated 75 hours of flight time dedicated to ministry! Because airplanes require specially refined fuel, cost per gallon is higher than normal car fuel.



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Village Ministry in Alaska

“It’s a real joy to see the hunger for God’s Word in Ekwok” reports Pastor/Pilot Jeremy Crowell. Ekwok, AK has a population of 130. *Ekwok*, meaning *“end of the bluff,”* is the oldest continuously occupied Yupik village on the Nushagak River. There are no roads into Ekwok.

Every few weeks, depending on the weather, Pastor Jeremy flies about 30 minutes north of Naknek to the village of Ekwok, where either he or another missionary partner preaches. *“The people are always excited when we come because they have no pastor otherwise.”*

In addition to transporting people, Pastor Jeremy also moves cargo in the FLAPS planes. Recent flights have included a trip to Manokotak, AK for antenna repair connected with KAKN Christian radio and a visit to Egegik, AK to test out a radio translator. Our Christian radio station can broadcast into remote villages that are not regularly visited, so it’s important to keep all the equipment up and running.

Each airplane trip requires a pilot and fuel. **At \$7.00 a gallon, using 525 gallons a year, this adds up to a total of \$6,300 in aviation fuel over a 12 month period.** Will you consider funding fuel costs for a year of ministry in Alaska?

Estimated annual fuel cost in Alaska: \$6,300.

“Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.” Isaiah 40:31

